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CALLS FOR PROPOSALS - NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES!!!

FCAR

FCAR has recently announced three (3) new Actions concertées programmes:

- Action concertée sur la prévention des accidents du travail: this programme is jointly funded by FCAR and IRSST (Institut de recherche en santé et en sécurité du travail du Québec), and aims to improve worker safety in Quebec. Funding is for teams only, and they must be interdisciplinary in composition. Deadline for submission of applications to ORS is **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1992.**

- Action concertée de soutien à la coopération scientifique internationale: this programme is intended to develop or strengthen partnerships with foreign-based research teams, in order to increase Quebec's presence within the international scientific community. FCAR has sent out details to all presently funded principal investigators and research centre directors. Deadline for submission of applications to ORS is **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1992**.

- Action concertée sur le public des arts et les pratiques culturelles: funded jointly by FCAR and le Ministère des Affaires culturelles, this programme seeks to investigate the level of participation, and public perception and practices with regard to cultural activities in this province, using a primarily socio-economic approach. Deadline for submission of applications to ORS is **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1992**.

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CQRS

CQRS has announced its team grant programme for 1992-93, entitled "Subventions de fonctionnement d'équipe". Details have already been sent to all faculty members who attended the information session held here in May. Anyone interested in this grant, aimed at promoting interdisciplinary research and links with various intervention groups/agencies in the province of Quebec, should call 4888 for further information. The internal deadline for application is **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1992**. There are two other new CQRS grants "Subventions de développement de partenariat" (minor - open deadline) and "Subventions de programmation de recherche" (major - deadline also October 6, 1992). Both of these programmes aim to support joint research between universities and the social service community.

MESS - SOUTIEN AUX EXPOSITIONS SCIENTIFIQUES

This programme assists with the financing of scientific exhibits, and comprises two "Volets": Volet 1 - Circulation d'expositions déjà existantes, with a June deadline; and Volet 2 - Réalisation et tenue d'expositions temporaires, with an open deadline. Volet 2 funds temporary scientific exhibits which last from 2 weeks to 6 months, up to a maximum of $35,000. Further details are available from ORS.

MESS - SYNERGIE

The "Synergie" programme launched last year will be repeated this year with a NEW internal deadline of **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1992**. This is a university-industry partnership programme which should involve at least two Quebec industries. The objective is to develop new products and technologies, with industry contributing between 10% and 40% of the project's costs. Further information is available from Nannette Plant or Roch Prud'Homme of the Industrial Liaison Office at 4873.

STATISTICS CANADA - 1991 CENSUS ANALYTIC PROGRAMME

Statistics Canada is initiating a programme of socio-economic and demographic research in conjunction with the 1991 Census of Canada. In broad terms, the objectives of the programme are to foster the conducting of issue-driven research on topics critical to the development of Canadian society, using the 1991 Census as well as data from other sources. The agency deadline for Letters of Intent is **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 1992**. Further information is available from ORS.

HENRI CHAMBAZ AWARD - ETHICS, HUMAN RIGHTS & HEALTH CARE

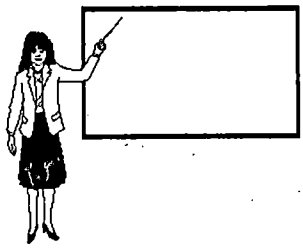
A $4,000 award is available for work contributing to ethical reflection or practice in the field of health care. Applicants must be under 35 years of age, and the internal deadline for application is **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1992**.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

This provincial fund will support two types of projects: Projects for Exploratory Environmental Research and Projects for Innovative Technology in Environment. The three (3) priority themes identified by the Ministry of the Environment for support between 1991 and 1994 are **waste management, pollution control and restoration** and **sustainable development**. Funding for Exploratory Environmental Research can cover as much as 100% of the total cost of the project, whereas funding for the Innovative Technology will take the form of tax incentives as well as a direct grant, adding up to as much as 60% to 70% of the project's total cost. Partnerships with industry as well as interdisciplinary teams are encouraged. Further details are available from ORS.

DETALC - Programme de développement et de démonstration de techniques d'assainissement de lieux contaminés - is a programme which matches provincial funds to federal funds for research in the areas of soil contamination and mining pollution. DETALC will match federal funds for research in these two priority areas, and their funding is provided by the above described Environmental Research & Technological Development Fund. The deadline for this particular call for proposals is **WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1992**, although DETALC will accept projects at any time if they feel the subject is relevant to their mandate.

GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOPS



There will be workshops during the month of August to assist faculty members with the preparation of their grant applications to **FCAR, SSHRC** and **NSERC**. Please take note that the dates listed below are TENTATIVE, and that a confirmation "Workshop Bulletin" will be circulated to all full-time faculty members in early August. If you have not received an Office of Research Services Bulletin by August 10th, please call 4888 for details.

NSERC:	Friday, August 14, 1992, 9-11 a.m.
SSHRC:	Wednesday, August 19, 1992, 10-12 p.m.
FCAR:	Thursday, August 20, 1992, 1-2:30 p.m. (Nouveaux Chercheurs)
	Thursday, August 20, 1992, 2:30-4 p.m. (Equipes)

These workshops are attended by Associate Vice-Rector Academic (Research) T.D. Bui, Concordia faculty who have served on the various agency evaluation committees, previously successful grant applicants, ORS staff, and on occasion, programme officers from the different agencies. Past participants have found these workshops to be very helpful, both in answering specific administrative questions as well as in discussing the overall presentation of their proposal(s). In order to maximize the benefit of these workshops, it is highly recommended that participants have a draft copy of their proposal(s) on hand for reference.

AGENCY NEWS

The three federal granting Councils, MRC, NSERC and SSHRC wish to remind the research community that they have a policy stating that they are prepared to consider applications for support of major interdisciplinary research initiatives that overlap their individual jurisdictions. They stress that they are very open to proposals which may overlap two or more Councils.

NSERC will NOT be issuing new Awards Guides this year, therefore they ask that researchers keep their September 1991 copies. Supplements will be distributed in July, as soon as they become available. NSERC has also emphasized that they will be strictly adhering to print size regulations within applications. This information will be repeated in detail when we send out the application packages.

The merger between the **Canada Council** and **SSHRC**, according to Paule Leduc (President of SSHRC), is proceeding smoothly. In a newsletter to the academic community, she stressed that Council has agreed that a special effort will be made to sensitize university research administrators to the needs of fine arts and to ensure that they are responded to fairly in the administration of the SSHRC-funded General Research Grants. Outgoing SSHRC programmes include the Major Grants Programme, which will be replaced in Spring '93 by the Major Research Initiatives Programme, and the "Women and Work" Strategic Theme, which will tentatively be replaced by "Women, Marginalization and Equality". The first external submission deadline for the new Strategic Theme will be **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1992**. Further details will be released as soon as they become available.

ORS NEWS

ORS is pleased to launch its new interactive **Calendar of Granting Agencies**. Faculty members are invited to come to this office and perform detailed searches for research funding information. The integrated and user-friendly system is fully operational within the Office of Research Services (BC-215). It is planned to post this system shortly to a University-wide Electronic Bulletin Board.

Please note that updated application forms are usually available from our office by early August, so please call 4888 anytime after August 3, 1992, and we will provide you with the correct forms for your 1992-93 grant proposals.

In September, Concordia's Thursday Report will begin running a monthly feature listing the major agency deadlines for each month. Please remember that if it is necessary to have your application translated to French, it MUST be submitted at least 3-4 weeks in advance of the INTERNAL deadline.

Also please remember that agencies require proper certification for research involving animals, humans, toxic substances, hazardous materials, radioactive materials and environmentally harmful substances. It is the researcher's responsibility to ensure that the proper forms are submitted to ORS, so that we in turn can circulate them among the appropriate committee(s).

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!!